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Air Connectivity to Small Cities
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow Alliance Air (AA), a subsidiary of Air India (AI) to operate with smaller capacity aircraft to connect big cities with small towns, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has asked AA or the airline operators to plan the services on non-air connectivity routes where all infrastructure for airports has already been developed in some places across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Maharashtra?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (c) : Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.
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The current and planned deployment of aircraft of Alliance Air is fully committed within the operational resources with the airline. At present Alliance Air is operating its services on various sectors which are at Annexure.